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Method Of Reducing The Availability Of Heavy

Metals In Plants And The Use Of Cross Linked

Poly(Meth)Acrylates In Said Method

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

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**AMENDMENT** 

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a 2-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of August 29, 2002. A check in the amount of \$410 in payment of the government fee for a 2-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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